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MANY CASUALTIES.

Furious Clash in Front of Old Medical Building; Prisoners Taken.

On Saturday morning perhaps the greatest battle which has been fought since the signing of the armistice took place. The scene of this furious onslaught was not Belgium or France, but in the old city of Montreal and in that particular part of the city known as the grounds of the McGill University. The fiercest fighting took place in the vicinity of the old Medical building and just behind the Registrar's office beneath the towering smoke stack of the Power House. In the several buildings of this vicinity a hundred or more innocent Freshmen were working laboriously over their Saturday morning's studies.

Suddenly about 11 a.m., some inquisitive frosh made the ghastly discovery. Apparently the old Medical building was surrounded by a mob. The news spread amongst the youthful workers like wild fire. A mad rush was made towards windows and doors. True enough, scores of figures clad in sweaters and caps were seen forming a complete circle about the building. Pandemonium reigned in the ranks of the Embryos.

About the same time the remaining cohorts, calmly carving holes in dogfish in the Zoology department, became aware that they, too, were surrounded. Scalpels were dropped and terror was registered in every eye. However, in about a half-hour's time these youths, being somewhat more courageous than their confreres of the Chemical department, essayed a sortie.

Alas, scarcely did the last man leave the building than a merciless foe pounced upon them. What happened in the next few minutes is difficult to describe. A wild mass of arms and legs, rolling in many centimetres of soft slush, is the most appropriate way of describing it. The next scene was a long line of verdant ones marching off with hands securely fastened behind their backs and florid faces adorned with many brands of shoe polish.

Now, unaware of the fate of their co-workers, the less audacious ones of the Medical building, summoning up all their courage, burst forth from the southern entrance. These fared no better, in fact, they were worse off, because at this place the slush was many more centimetres deep than that at the scene of the former encounter. Before many minutes had elapsed these students of tender years filed off to join the other unfortunate, conveyed by many proud and victorious bandits (?). The lair of these latter was Prince Arthur Street. After arranging the humiliated frosh in a more or less unimpaired file, the victors paraded them before the fair students of the R.V.C. Here the Freshies were induced by means of various kinds of bribes to give their feeble little yells which were barely audible amidst the uproar made by the joyous victors. From here the procession marched to Phillips Square where the mob disbanded. Various theories have been propounded as to the identity of the miscreants but no definite information has been secured up to date.

OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR FRESHMEN.

The test in English II will be given at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, for men, and at 9 o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, for women. It will cover the assigned readings from Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Chaucer's Prologue and Malory's Morte d'Arthur, and also the lectures relating to these works.

First year men who entered English II after Dec. 1st, may, if they wish, take the test after the Christmas vacation.

LIKED THE PRESCRIPTION.

The Smiling One—"Headache, eh? Hugh, whenever I have a headache I go right home and kiss my wife and feel happy."

Other One—"Say, what's your address?"

WHAT'S ON

To-day.
1.00 p.m.—Meeting of Science '20 in Engineering Building.
5.15 p.m.—R. V. C. Senior Basketball Practice.
7.30 p.m.—Boxing Practice of B. W. & F., in Union.
7.30 p.m.—Mandolin Club Practice at Peate's.
8.00 p.m.—Lecture by J. Bradford at Hall.
Coming.
Dec. 17, 8.00 p.m.—Meeting Cercle Francais in Union.
Dec. 17—Med. Sophomore—Freshman Dinner at Freeman's.
Dec. 18—Maisonneuve vs. McGill—Water Polo.
Dec. 19—Orchestra Assembly, R.V.C.
Dec. 19—Arts '19 Class Dinner.
Dec. 21—Last Day of Lectures.
Jan. 2—Lectures resumed in all Faculties.

SECOND LECTURE BY J. BRADFORD TO-NIGHT

Social Service Subjects Are Very Popular With Students.

The second of the lectures or talks by Mr. Bradford on Social Service subjects will be given in Satrahocou Hall to-night.

These talks to the senior group are given in connection with the Bible Study courses, but are quite distinct from these, in that they are on practical social problems and are adapted for all men of any creed or denomination; and students who for this reason do not feel like attending the Bible Study courses are urged to come to Mr. Bradford's class. His subject for last Monday was "The College Man's Place in Social Service in his Home Community," and his subject to-night will be equally practical.

Some who took this course last year and for this reason have not come again are urged to come because although the subject is the same the talks each year are quite new and distinct from last year.

The class will meet at 6.45 to-night in Room B. Any who wish to come to supper are welcome to do so and it will be at 6 o'clock sharp.

The Bible classes have shown an increased registration each night with about the same average attendance. It is hoped that all who have attended at any time will make it a point to come back and attend as regularly as possible so that they may not lose the continuity of the subjects.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN.

Up to the time of going to press last night no further reports had been received from the Y. M. C. A. with reference to the big campaign which has been carried on upon the campus. As published in Saturday's Daily, the lists of subscriptions were necessarily quite incomplete. Fourth and Fifth Years in Medicine not having made any report. From these two classes a big return is expected. Science, too, which usually does not fall behind the other faculties in its support of the "Y," had not paid in anything like what is expected.

In order to help the Y.M.C.A. authorities to gain a clear idea of the result of the campaign as soon as possible, all canvassers are requested to bring in their results to the Hall not later than six o'clock to-night.

CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT.

The director of the Conservatorium of Music, Mr. H. C. Perrin, has kindly offered fifty tickets for the Orchestral Concert, on Thursday evening, to students who are especially interested in music. The tickets are in the hands of Ross Laing, president of the Students' Council, and students desiring to hear a good concert of high class music may obtain them from him any day between 5 and 6 p.m. Get yours early, as the number is limited to fifty.

TRACK CLUB REPRESENTATIVES.

A representative from every year, in each faculty, is wanted for the Track Club. It is important that these men should be elected as soon as possible, as a meeting will be held early this week to decide about holding an indoor track meet.

ANNUAL TO HAVE MANY DRAWINGS

Students Are Anxious to Have Their Drawings Accepted.

ASSIGNMENTS WERE GIVEN

Necessary to Have Names of all Competitors Before the Christmas Holidays.

There seems to be plenty of students about the college able to contribute drawings to the Annual, for during the past week several applications have been made for assignments. Among the applicants were several of the men who have contributed drawings to the Annuals in the past but the majority were newcomers to the college who wish to show their ability in this direction.

Many of the students were somewhat doubtful about entering the contest owing to the fact that they thought it was necessary to have their drawings entered before the Christmas holidays. The competitors will not be required to submit their drawings until sometime after their return to college, so that anyone having the necessary ability need have no fear about being overworked in an attempt to have his assignment in at an early date.

Queries have been received regarding the kind of drawing needed for the book this year. To those who have been here in past years it is only necessary to state that the work required will be similar to that used in Annuals in past years. Any men who are not acquainted with these will be given full particulars on application to the Art Editor. Should anyone find it impossible to see the Art Editor, information can be obtained by leaving a note addressed to him, care of the McGill Union.

Every club and society about the college is represented in the Annual, and the main idea of the drawings is to represent the functions of these activities by a pen sketch. In addition, sketches are wanted representing the different faculties, the Junior year of each faculty, as well as one each for the Senior, Sophomore and Freshmen years. Every applicant will be given two or more of these drawings to do, according to his wishes in this respect, and the fact that one of these drawings has been accepted will qualify him as one of the successful competitors.

Although it is not necessary to have the drawings finished by Christmas it is absolutely necessary that the names of the competitors should be in the hands of the Annual Board before that time. Any man who intends to compete, and who has not already given in his application, is asked to do so this week and he will be given his assignment immediately. In this way the men will be able to do a great part of the work during their Christmas holidays.

The faculty representatives on the Annual Board will receive the names of applicants or they may be sent directly to the office of the Annual in the McGill Union. The names of the representatives are: R. V. C., Misses Moody, Nichol and Roston; Arts, Evans, Petersen and O'Brien; Science, Dunbar, Larose and Wiggs; Medicine, Beattie, Brady and Cassidy; Law, Versailles and Mrs. Hughes.

POST-WAR EDUCATION.

The order from Washington demobilizing the Students' Army Training Corps at the colleges and universities brings the United States face to face with the problems of after-the-war education. For many years professors and business men have held forth from time to time on the need of reform in modern education. Then the government took a hand, prescribing, through a mysterious Olympian committee, as Ian Hay would call it, what the colleges were to teach to soldiers. Now the government does not need the soldiers and the whole question comes up again. Of course, the question is as old as Moses, but it has become more complicated since his day. At least the average college catalogue offers theoretically more than the Ten Commandments.

But it is quite clear that if we are to have colleges and universities worth while somebody must do some constructive thinking. The elective system, for example, is excellent in theory. It presupposes a young man

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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT.

The announcement that the Montreal City League has decided to operate this winter with the full list of eight clubs will come as a welcome bit of news to the many hockey "fans" about the University. The gloomy aspect of the situation at the beginning of last week had led most of them to believe that the threatened amalgamation with the Montreal League would become an accomplished fact and that in consequence the Red and White team would remain inactive for the season.

Now that all doubts are removed, the various experts in the matter are beginning to indulge in forecasts as to the possible showing that will be made by McGill in the league. The champion team of last year has not been materially weakened, that losses there are having been suffered mainly by the defence. "Ted" Behan, Gallery and Heney, were all back at the beginning of the term, while Anderson and Beach have only lately returned. In addition to these it is expected that there will turn out at practices a number of promising newcomers to the College.

With Cully back, and the reappearance of Dooner, last year's stellar goal-keeper, it would appear that the one thing the team lacks is another reliable defence player, and surely it is not too much to expect that from the ranks of the Freshmen such a man may be recruited. "Dud" Ross, Montgomery and other returned men are also to be reckoned with when it comes to making speculations as to the probable composition of the Senior team.

It must not be forgotten, however, that the other teams, notably M.A.A.A. and Victoria, which are once more operating in the league, have got together formidable aggregations of experienced men, and McGill is likely to have a stiff fight to retain the laurels she has won.

WHAT ARE YOU AT COLLEGE FOR?

Every Student is at some time or other during his undergraduate days confronted with this question. Many of them face the problem, but there are those, unfortunately, who do not make a decisive answer. Something vital which will perhaps have a great bearing upon their after life has gone by undecided.

We see those every day who worm their way through their four or five years, passive to athletics, social life and their academic work. One never expects to find them at a smoker, a dance, or a basketball match. Sometimes they attend lectures regularly, but often they do not. After four years they pass from University life without actually being permeated by those attributes which are so characteristic of the University-trained—self-confidence, sociability, resourcefulness and tact. These are not to be got by a mere attendance at lectures but by the continued acquaintance of men, masters of these virtues, which are sure to be found in so cosmopolitan an assemblage. These are they who have neglected the question.

Then there are those who become so engrossed in athletics or the social world that they could not be expected to attend lectures save now and then, and an hour's study is a sacrifice. Fortunately, the days of these are numbered. They become premature graduates generally before the end of two years. Again the very reverse of these are sometimes to be found. Men who are impermeable to everything to be found outside of a text-book. These, too, are of this class.

Lastly there are those, and fortunately they are not in the minority, who decide what they are at College for. They take time to put an estimate, as it were, on these various aspects of a University training. In their curriculum a properly proportioned space is left for each one. They are the men whose support carries through our social functions, our undergraduate societies and our athletic contests. They graduate from the University having received all she has had stored up for them, having bettered their own selves and their Alma Mater as well, because of their having passed through her.

NOTICES

Note-Book Found.

A Zoology note-book, with notes, was found by the office in the Union on Saturday. Owner may have same by applying to "Col." Bill Culyer, at the office.

Boxing Practice.

There will be a wrestling practice of the B. W. and F. to-night, at 7.30 p.m., in the Union.

Science '20 Meeting.

There will be a short meeting of Science '20, to-day, at one o'clock, immediately after Mechanical Engineering lecture. The business of the meeting is the election of a Track Club representative.

Mandolin Club Practice.

There will be a practice of the Mandolin Club at Peate's Studio, to-night, at 7.30. This will be the last practice before the holidays.

Found.

A large Brown Button, in the Union. Anyone having lost a button off his overcoat may inquire from "Col." Culyer, at Union.

POST-WAR EDUCATION.

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with a critical and appreciative thirst for knowledge, and then goes on to offer him a bewildering choice ranging from ancient Assyrian to Chemistry X2. In such a maze Sir Francis Bacon might be pardoned for losing his way. The average undergraduate, and he it is whom we must somehow educate, frankly abandons any theory of how to acquire knowledge and chooses the most attractive schedule which the dean will permit, together with certain other courses famous for their excellent statistical records in the final examinations. As for the group system, it is not much better, for often an undergraduate, committed for good or evil to a definite group, with his major and minors surrounding him, discovers to his dismay that he has inserted his square head into a round hole.

Leaving aside the question of administrative reform in our colleges, which some hold to be the key to the solution, as if changing the names of this or that were a kind of magic talisman, what is the proper method of approach? Your business man, with shining, efficient face, calls loudly for "results" and talks much of the "educational plant," as if young men could be stamped into commercial usefulness by some species of automatic machinery. What, in general, are these "results" for which he clamours? To him, apparently, they are certain mysterious compounds which a Taylor system would concoct in no time; inoculated with this for four years, the young man would step forth, diploma in hand, and leap at once into success in business. With all due deference to the sanctity of money-making, it is not the purpose of any but the technical schools, if of them, to teach this art.

We, therefore, reach our first point, that the new education must be firmly idealistic. We may allow no compromise here, however sweetly the siren, Efficiency, may lure us toward the rocks. But we do concede, nay, are prepared to fight for an efficiency of mental training—of mind development. We have allowed the average undergraduate, in times gone by, to escape without thinking at all. We have done it for him, giving him courses in mild spoon-fed doses, and have permitted his passive resistance to all mental effort to prevail. We have done worse even than this: we have taught him each "subject" in turn, as if that particular course were a thing apart, existing alone in time and space, and not related to any other thing under the sun. The result has been that the average undergraduate has studied as little of it as possible, since no one troubled to point out to him that our classifications of knowledge were purely arbitrary and were all integral parts of a whole.

What he needs to acquire, in addition to a remorseless training in thinking and how to use his mind, is more knowledge of things in general—a deeper and broader background, in other words. To this end specialization, except for the technical school student, should be kept from him until it is known whether his mind is capable of specializing with profit—which, in general, is not true of the average mind. You can waste much valuable time and costly experiments in trying to make silk purses out of sow's ears. On the other hand, the average mind can be trained to think—can have its horizon broadened, and its interests quickened. Only when all departments co-operate for this common purpose can the new education come into being. The barriers between them must be broken down, and the work of each department planned in reference to what the other is teaching. All this controversy about what we shall teach—whether this or that shall be dropped from the entrance examinations or from the curriculum is beside the point. It matters little what you teach, if the

"MIXED" SING WAS HELD LAST NIGHT

Twenty Members of the Y. W. C. A. Were Present.

The "Sing" held at the Hall last night was a most successful one, although it might have been expected from the fine weather that more would have been present. About twenty members of the Y.W.C.A. from the R.V.C. took advantage of the invitation issued by the Y.M.C.A. board to attend, and Miss Hurlbatt kindly consented to act as chaperon. The creditable attendance of the ladies was all the more noteworthy in view of the fact that not more than a score of men turned out.

A bright fire was kept burning in the grate, around which the singers gathered while they made the Hall ring with the good old hymn tunes, among these being, quite appropriately, several Christmas carols. Brown at the piano, and Gregson with his violin, supplied the music in a thoroughly satisfactory fashion.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Daily is not responsible for the sentiments of letters published in the correspondence columns. Signed communications from graduates, undergraduates and members of the faculties will be placed in print if they are not of too great length.

Correspondents are requested to observe the unwritten law of the newspaper office—that they write upon ONE side of the paper ONLY.

No communications will be admitted in this column without the name of the writer being attached, not necessarily for publication.

Dec. 13th, 1918.

Editor, McGill Daily:

Dear Sir,—On Thursday night, citizens on St. Catherine Street were treated to the disgraceful spectacle of a gang of students parading the street, advertising by means of the time-honored McGill yell that they were from McGill men. Did these students wish to class themselves with the gangs of thugs and young hoodlums, who, taking advantage of the absence of the police, were very much in evidence, or were they callow freshmen, still ignorant of the proper thing to do?

Such an exhibition of bad taste as this can only serve to bring disgrace to Old McGill.

"DISGUSTED GRADUATE."

Editorial Note.—After perusing the above letter, and being assured of its bona fides, we could not avoid the reflection that the writer had been a little hasty in his judgment. Surely it is not impertinent to the subject to ask whether he made absolutely certain before setting pen to paper that the men who were giving the McGill "yell" were all actually students of the University. We know ourselves student is thereby taught to think. It matters a good deal that he should know something about what you are trying to do with him and why. It is clear that a system of education by watertight compartments, with each department going its own sweet way and teaching its subject as an example of specialization, will be to make bricks without straw, or to pile them up, when made, without any mortar to bind them together. And in the last analysis, if we proceed upon the common-sense lines of raising our standards of classroom thinking and of widening our classroom horizons, it will not be surprising if Mr. Business Man shall begin to note some of those "results" he has wanted so much.

from experience that it is a matter of quite frequent occurrence to find a band of young men who, on the strength of the presence among them of one or two college men, will take the liberty of shouting "Rah, rah, rah!" till they are hoarse, careless of the bad name they are giving the institution with which they are ostensibly connected. Furthermore, it is our opinion that an accusation such as the one contained in the letter, which concerns the good name of the whole student body, should not be made in public unless the writer is in possession of detailed proof. We can well understand, it is true, the feeling of intense exasperation it might give some graduate of the college to see a band of "young hoodlums" marching about the street, giving the McGill "yell"; what we cannot understand is that this graduate should wish to have the affair appear in print, thus running the risk of bringing upon the undergraduate body an odium which is, in all probability, quite undeserved.

The Pres. of the McGill Daily:

Dear Sir,—The letter published in Saturday's Daily was so obviously intended to increase the spirit of discord and conceal the real object of open-minded discussion on the subject in question, under the guise of various ludicrous articles, the function of which is self-evident and not exactly of the highest order, that I am sure every one has taken them in the same spirit as they were written.

The point brought up concerning "filler" was very excellent, except that the idea was not quite developed to its maximum. No doubt the writer when referring to this was unconsciously thinking of unsigned letters, for it is only this class that lacks the indefinable personal touch and unspoken sentiment which results in such such interesting results. "Selo" must certainly not have had a very favourable opinion of your publication if he volunteers to contribute "filler," especially of a kind that contained absolutely no argument and was simply a criticism of the most treacherous and inexcusable style.

On the strength of the fact that no argument has been advanced to my first letter, and your columns have been bombarded so copiously with "filler," in the form of unsigned letters, I shall cease to continue the correspondence on the particularly interesting subject of "Worry."

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There will be a practice of the R. V. C. Senior basketball team, to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m.

R. V. C. Glee Club.

The resident students of R.V.C. had their first meeting of the Glee Club on Saturday night. Although quite a few members were absent, the practice was indeed a very successful one. A very interesting programme was arranged for the coming session, and the meeting adjourned after trying over a few songs. Last week the following officers were elected: President, Miss Alice Wilson; secretary, Miss Vivien Zealand; librarian, Miss Eleanor Cox. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday after lectures are resumed.

Found.

The Porter still has in his office two Fountain Pens, one Side Comb, a Gold Ring and a Gold Bangle. Will the owners of these articles please claim them as soon as possible.

R.V.C. Graduate Weds.

The wedding of Miss Wreatha Mosely, Arts '16, to Mr. Louis L'Esperance, has recently taken place in Montreal.

HISTORICAL CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEET

(Continued from Yesterday.)

Justifying their revolt. The people everywhere received them enthusiastically and endorsed their action by public resolutions. The "revolt" flared out, but their lack of interest in and support of the Liberals just then were among the determining factors which defeated the Government.

We now enter the second period of Lloyd George's political career, that is, from 1895 till 1906. Returning to Parliament after the elections of 1895 he found himself in the Opposition benches. This only served to bring the Parliamentary Free Lance into greater prominence than ever. He set himself of deliberate intent to harass the Conservative Government, led by Mr. Balfour, and took peculiar delight in baiting his one-time Parliamentary hero and model, Mr. Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary. For this part his native talents peculiarly fitted him. His biting tongue, great power of invective, knowledge of rules of procedure and tricks of debate made him more to be feared than all else in the Opposition. His opposition to the Agricultural Rating Act was a remarkable example of Parliamentary tactics. Amendment after amendment flowed from him with the simple object of delaying the progress of the bill, while his speech in the second reading debate was generally recognized as being the most effective of any from the Opposition. After repeated all-night sittings, and seeing that his opposition to the Bill must collapse, he took the very daring step of defying the Chair. Mr. Chaplin, in charge of the bill, was applying the closure in a ruthless determination to get his bill through. At 4 a.m., Lloyd George aided and abetted by another Welshman and three Irishmen refused to leave their seats to enter the division lobbies. This was contrary to all the laws of the House. The House had to be reformed and the culprits summoned before the Chair. The defence of Lloyd George was in the words: "I decline to go, as a protest against the action of the Government in closing debate without sufficient discussion." Thereupon he and his four comrades, on motion of Mr. Balfour, were suspended for a week. The Welshmen returned to their constituencies, had a well-earned rest and were regarded by their fellow coun-

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Similar tactics were employed by Lloyd George in opposing the Voluntary Schools Bill, though without taking the extreme step of defying the Chair. This latter expedient was again resorted to, however, in the Education (Defaulting Authorities) Bill, known better as the "Welsh Coercion Bill," 1904. This time, replying to the appeal from the Chair, he said:—"I see no object in taking part in a farce of this kind to suit the exigencies of the Government."

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SETTLEMENT PROBLEM BY DR. CALDWELL

(Continued from Saturday.)

Most Criminals Young—Therefore Curable.

With a proper use then by any community to-day of the Juvenile Court movement and of the other reformatory agencies of the Elmira character, a boy or girl may then be successfully diverted from the life of a criminal. And then with the machinery of justice and of intelligent reform we can gradually reduce the numbers of the incurable criminals, keeping the latter in federal prisons (in the Yukon say) away from the ranks of normal men and women. A due admixture of the punitive and the reformatory methods (no man with any vestige of self-respect cares to be watched and treated as a moral minor) will arrest and send back into the ranks of normal citizens, a large percentage both of occasional and repeating criminals. Three-fourths of criminals are occasional criminals, and most criminals are young. And most criminals too, are unhealthy and of doubtful vitality. They tend through the life they lead to die early. All such considerations should make us both hopeful and determined regarding the reformation of average offenders through mere temptation or circumstances. Only one-eighth of prisoners are incorrigible. These should be separated from the rest of society. There is a small percentage of international criminals, the aristocracy of crime. They are known to the police of the world and their movements are always watched. They really should not be allowed to move about at all, nor should any confirmed criminals until "converted," for there is such as the complete "conversion" of criminals. Those who sin strongly are often not so far from grace and a belief in a higher life as many people imagine.

Head Education Will Not Do.

We can see, now, from the study of abnormality, and of the effects of social contagion, and from the study of the reformatory work of the Elmira character how much important information may be acquired about the training in moral habits that must go to the making of the average citizen. To this moral and social training all our children, those of the rich and the poor and the middle class, should all be subjected. Our tendency until very recently in many quarters (in the great common schools of the people, and in many of the so-called great universities) has been to act as if a mere head education were enough to fit a boy or a girl for life. All this educational philosophy of the Enlightenment was seriously at fault, though matters have recently been gradually improving through the introduction of things like manual training, shop-work, graded gymnastics, the elements of civics, practical ethics, and so on, into school life. Still it is sad to think that school commissioners and state boards and headmasters' conferences have been so slow in apprehending the truth of Ruskin's contention that by education, we mean the forming of good habits and the unlearning of bad ones. Countries like France and Japan have a great deal to teach us in this regard. A Montrealer's Account is Confirmatory.

Through the spontaneously expressed interest of a well-informed fellow-citizen (Mr. John Kidman of The Gazette) in these Reconstruction articles, and, in particular, in my last Saturday promise to treat of Crime, I am now enabled to give to this article an even more practical application than I might otherwise have attained to. Mr. Kidman has evidently given the interest of years to the subject of Criminal Reform, entering into Montreal movements and into London movements—when he had charge of the Gazette London office. He informs me that up to the present there was first the old Prisoners' Aid Association the dear old John Bull method, as I said, of attending to the stable door after the loss of the horse. Let us all devoutly hope, and pray, that Germany has knocked out of us for ever this getting ready for things after we have tumbled into needless holes.

After the Old Prisoners' Aid Association (I admit, of course, it was a

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beginning) there were, according to Mr. Kidman, two "criminal" societies, the Criminal Reform Association and the Honour League. The former, he tells me, contented itself with the familiar radical talk about the cure of crime by the abolition of capital punishment. It had also the amiable weakness of sending literature to persons in prison, forgetful of the fact that new associations, and new affections were what criminals most stood in need of. The second society, the Honour League, was simply, he says, looking after the ex-gaol bird in a more energetic way than the Old Prisoners' Aid Association. The two societies were finally amalgamated, but there has been, as yet, no united policy, no wise common action. The interested people are still, he holds, in default of better guidance, running to death their own pet theories. There is obviously room for the work of our new Montreal Bureau of Social Study and Social Service.

Among the items of Mr. Kidman's proposed constructive programme are:

1. The appointment of a police court missionary.
 2. A "first-offenders" act.
 3. More popular control of gaols and penitentiaries.
 4. Extension of time for payment of fines.
 5. The adoption of preventive rather than "ameliorative" plans.
- As for point No. 1, he is certainly quite right. In dealing with the problem of the abolition of poverty and of begging, I insisted on the friendly visitor as fundamental. And in what I said in this article, on the Probation Officer of the Juvenile Court I obviously agree with this idea of a "police court missionary." As for the second point, I have advocated the Juvenile Court—we have it in operation in Montreal. There should, of course, obviously follow it, in the courts, a First Offenders' Act, with the indeterminate sentence and "liberation on parole" and so on.

As for the point No. 3, the whole control of gaols and penitentiaries should certainly be in the hands of intelligent men and women acting in the interest of the community, with the purpose of preserving it from criminal contagion. All the important positions in gaols and reformatories will in the future be opened up to university graduates, to people who have the diploma of a school of social study. It is ridiculous to think of these and similar positions going to political hangers-on and to utterly unqualified people.

Mr. Kidman is right, too, about the extension of the time for the payment of fines. Hundreds of people go to gaol for short terms merely on account of their inability to produce ten or fifteen dollars. This is, however,

not merely "a case of discrimination against the poor," but it is giving some unfortunate people an acquaintance with the ways of criminals that they ought never to acquire. A few hours in a gaol or a police lock-up may give a boy or girl lessons in

crime and corruption, the idea of living by craft and deceit instead of by legitimate work.

As a matter of course the whole aim of all my articles in The Standard on Reconstruction has been the prevention of social evils, rather than

the mere amelioration of the condition of diseased and abnormal people.

In the next article I shall take up the problem of Education and Social Reconstruction.

W. CALDWELL.

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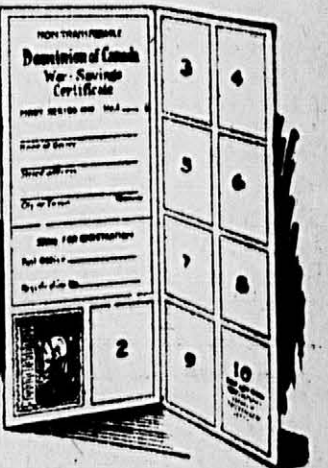
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